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## Attachments:

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1. One page of information on a degaussing station in Novorossiysk Bay, sighting of Soviet minesweepers and construction work at Novorossiysk.
2. One-page report on sighting of a cruiser, destroyers, patrol boats, and a target vessel near Novorossiysk.
3. One page of information on a naval training school and naval vessels sighted at Novorossiysk, including destroyers minesweepers patrol vessels, a target vessel, and a submarine escorted by two destroyers.
4. One-page report on vessels in Novorossiysk Bay, including two destroyers, patrol vessels, minesweepers.
5. Two-page report with two sketches of the port of Novorossiysk; the existence of a radar station near Novorossiysk is noted.
6. Two pages of information on activities at Novorossiysk, including sighting of destroyer minesweepers and five other destroyers frogmen in training reportedly were sighted in the harbor.

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7. Four pages of information, with a sketch, on port facilities, security measures, and ship sightings at Novorossiysk, including destroyers, patrol vessels, and three cruisers

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8. Nine pages of information on port facilities at Novorossiysk, with a mention of the sound of aircraft-engine noise; this report includes five panoramas of the Novorossiysk area, ranging in quality from poor to fair.

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COUNTRY : Soviet Union

SUBJECT : I. Port NOVOROSSISK (sighted battleships)

II. FROGMEN EXERCISES

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I. SIGHTED BATTLESHIPS

The following battleships were sighted early in October:

In the harbor:

a) A Soviet destroyer, about 60 meters long [redacted] The above battle-  
ship had one funnel and one mast behind the bridge and bore one gun on each  
end (bow and stern) and a torpedo tube sternwards of the funnel.-

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b) Three small iron battleships [redacted]  
These were about 30 meters long. Each had a funnel and a mast in front of  
the bridge and bore a gun. These bore no Radar.-

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Outside the harbor

Another destroyer of the same type [redacted] This was anchored  
near the place where frogmen exercises take place.

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Six destroyers of the same type [redacted] left the harbor on the  
evening of 30 Sept. 1956.-

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II. FROGMEN EXERCISES

In the harbor and the left as one sails in, there is a base marked by buoys,  
where frogmen usually train. [redacted]

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These exercises often expand outside of the harbor, to the right as one sails in, in the area where foreign ships anchor waiting for their turn to sail into the harbor.

Frogmen in training, were sighted on 1 Oct. 1956.

Buoys with small poles, as well as the three afore-mentioned small iron battle-ships, were anchored in the area where these exercises take place (in the harbor and to the left as one sails in).-

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2. De-gaussing Facility: A de-gaussing station is located at 44°42'45" N. Latitude, 37°47'30" E. Longitude in Novorossisk Bay. Two buoys are moored a ships length apart forming a line parallel to the shore and five to six cable lengths from it. Another line of three buoys is moored parallel to but to seaward of the first line. These buoys are spaced at the same intervals as the two which are moored closer to shore. Approximately a ships length separates these two lines. A small building with a landing pier equipped with davits is located ashore at this point.
3. Soviet Naval Vessels: At 1800 on 28 September, a minesweeper  was being maneuvered ahead and astern in the area enclosed by the buoys described above.

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A minesweeper of the same class as 438, was moored 450 meters southwest of the Coaling Pier. Two white cables trailed from the stern of this vessel. Three wooden floats, upon which were mounted short metal "spars", floated near by. Two of these floats supported the ends of the two cables trailing from the stern.

A destroyer was moored between Eastern Mole and the Cement Works Pier.

4. Repair Facilities: A floating drydock, with a cargo vessel aboard, was moored inside Eastern Mole.
5. Port Construction: A floating crane and a large number of workers were employed in repairing or removing the damaged wharf in the vicinity of the "small craft repair slip" on the west side of the harbor. The floating crane moved a large stone block from the damaged wharf to the Eastern Mole.

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Classification

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1. Soviet Naval Vessels: A cruiser and four destroyers were moored at anchor approximately four miles off West Breakwater on 19 August. The cruiser had two funnels and two masts. They had sailed by 22 August.

A destroyer and 4-5 coast guard boats were moored in the Timber Basin.

2. Surface Gunnery Targets: A target sled without target was being towed by two tugs on 19 August four to five miles off Cape Doob (44°38'N., 37°55'E). The tugs were on a course toward Novorossisk. Another target sled was moored at the Timber Wharf in Novorossisk. This sled carried a radar target and five shell holes were observed in the target cloth.

3. Illuminating Flares: Parachute flares were observed over the Timber and Naval Basin on the night of 19-20 August.

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1. Soviet Naval Vessels: A cruiser under repair or overhaul was berthed alongside Eastern Quay. From 13-22 October two cruisers, [redacted] were moored at anchor outside the harbor in the vicinity of the power station.

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Four destroyers were in harbor at various times [redacted]

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[redacted] Each had a single stack and mast in addition to a short mast aft.

A submarine accompanied by two destroyers arrived on 13 October and sailed on 15 October. The conning tower of the submarine was light grey and the hull dark grey. The forward edge of the conning tower was straight and the "after side was curved".

Five minesweepers arrived and departed from the harbor during this period. [redacted]

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[redacted] These vessels each had a single stack and mast.

A large number of small high speed coast guard vessels were moored in the Timber and Naval Basin. One of these vessels flew the MVD Border Patrol flag.

A tug boat towed a target sled to sea each afternoon at 1700 and returned each morning. The target sled, approximately 85 to 95 meters in length, carried a target cloth and a radar target.

2. Naval Shore Establishment: A Soviet navy training school or personnel replacement center is located near the Timber Pier. Some commissioned officers and petty officers from the vessels moored there were replaced by others. These vessels normally moored at the Timber Pier for a period of five to six hours.

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1. Soviet Naval Vessels: On 7 November two destroyers, one larger than the other, were at anchor one mile off the West Breakwater. Another small destroyer was observed outside Novorossisk Bay.

Minesweepers

\_\_\_\_\_ were moored at the Timber Quay. Two more units of this class were seen in Novorossisk Bay on 1 November.

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Three coastal patrol vessels and a target sled with a radar target were moored in the Timber Basin.

2. Fishing Vessels: "Several" trawlers were in the Timber Basin.

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4. Industrial Facilities:

\_\_\_\_\_ the oil centers are 6-7 kilometers to the north-west of Novorossisk beyond a mountain range.

5. Celebration of October Revolution: Large oil portraits of the Soviet leaders, with the exception of Stalin, were displayed on the public buildings. Four truckloads of soldiers were seen enroute to the parade. \_\_\_\_\_ a parade and air review was scheduled for 7 November.

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COUNTRY: Russia.

SUBJECT: The Port of NOVOROSSISK

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I. ORGANIZATION. (see drawing attached).-

1. Group of warehouses.
2. Office handling ore loadings and unloadings.
3. Five electric cranes of 45,000 kgs. each, bearing a sign with the word BOSTON on it.
4. Three cranes of approx. 30 tons each, used for the arranging of cargoes on the mole.
5. Position for storing coal for supply to small vessels.
6. Three or four cranes, one of which was a 30-ton one, while the others were 45-ton ones.
7. Brand new concrete mole. The sea on the eastern side of this mole, is not very deep.-

The sides of the moles in general, have a <sup>fender</sup> girdle (belt) made of wooden beams, to facilitate the docking of ships.

8. Area of a small shipyard, where an old, rusty sliding board was seen. No work was observed being done.-

II. ANCHORED CARGO SHIPS.

10. Ship of unknown identity, proceeding with the loading of iron shaped

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like a 'T', of iron angles shaped like an 'L' and of 1 1/4-meter long iron rails.

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### III. MEANS OF NAVIGATION.

A large tug-boat that had come from ODESSA, was observed docked on side A on mole No. 7, while a totally covered barge with a small cabin on its stern, was there on side B of the same mole. The above barge is being used for the placing on it of heavy objects.

### IV. RADARS (see attached drawing No. 2).-

A netted antenna of a Radar was observed at point (a) on the third hill of the western coast in front of the NOVOROSISK port, at elevation 1155 shown on Russian Map No. 6936. The Radar is visible from the harbor as well.

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### V. GENERAL INFORMATION.

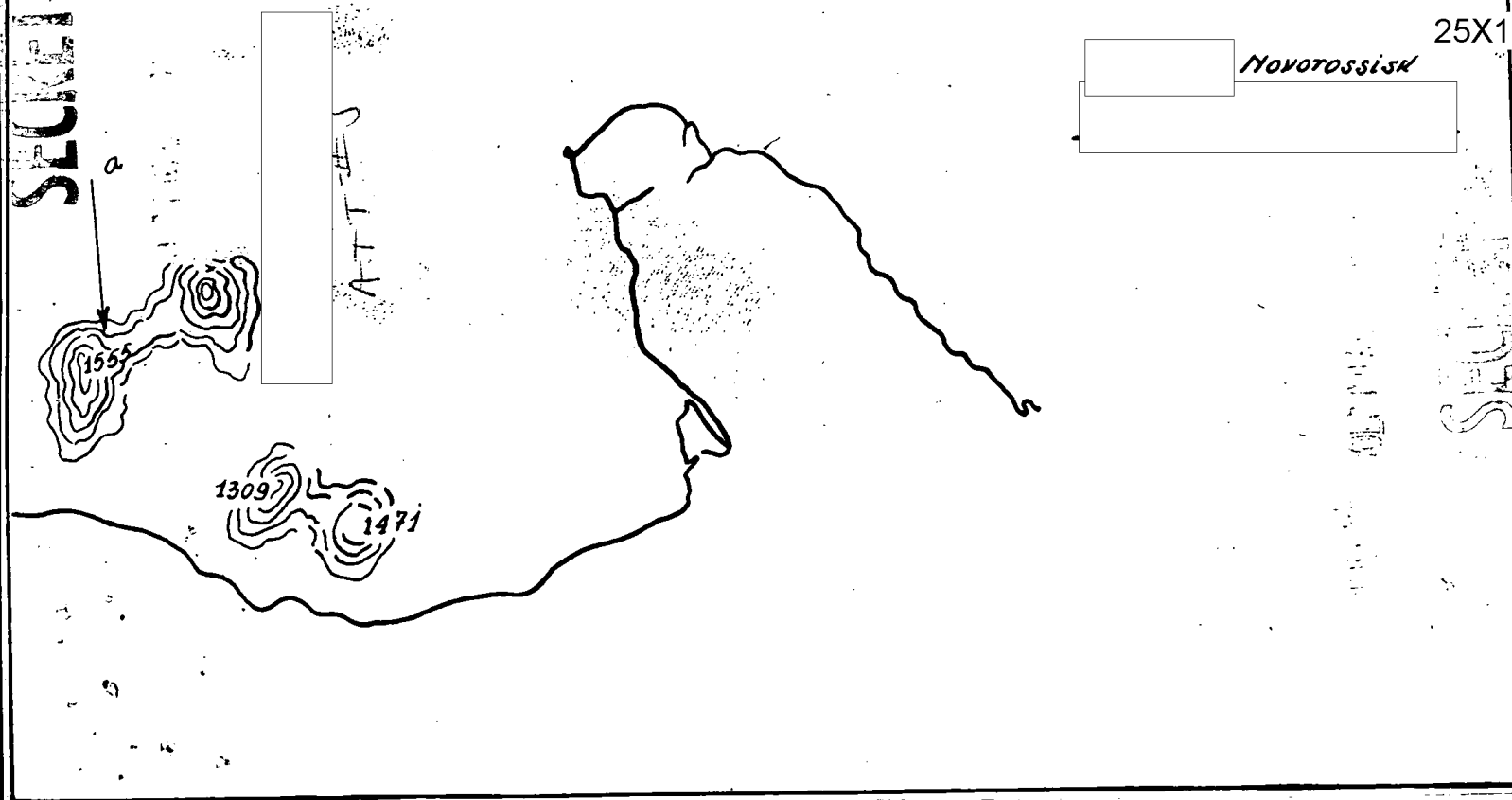
No search is carried on by the Authorities on foreign vessels, except for the sealing of the radio set.

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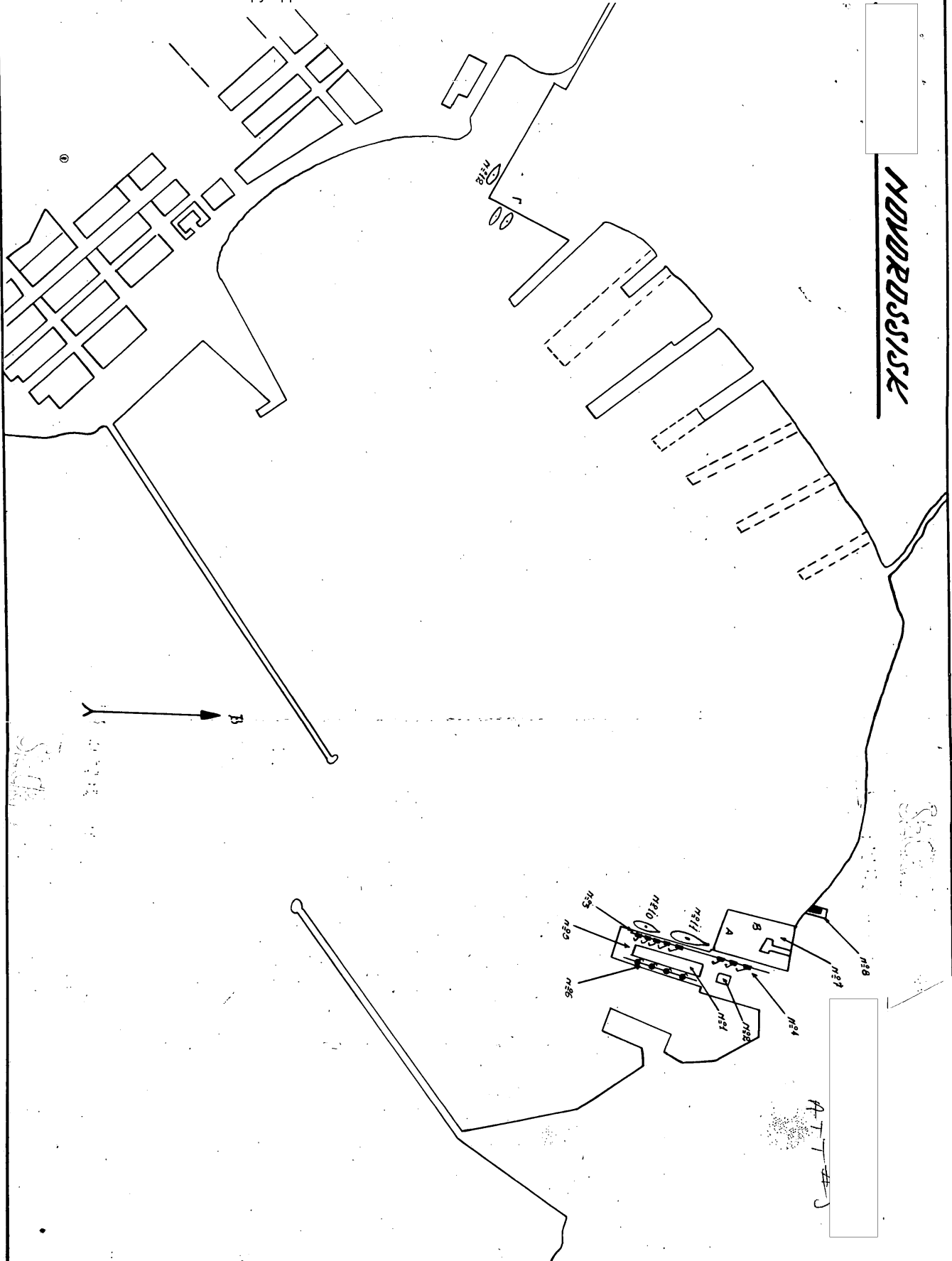
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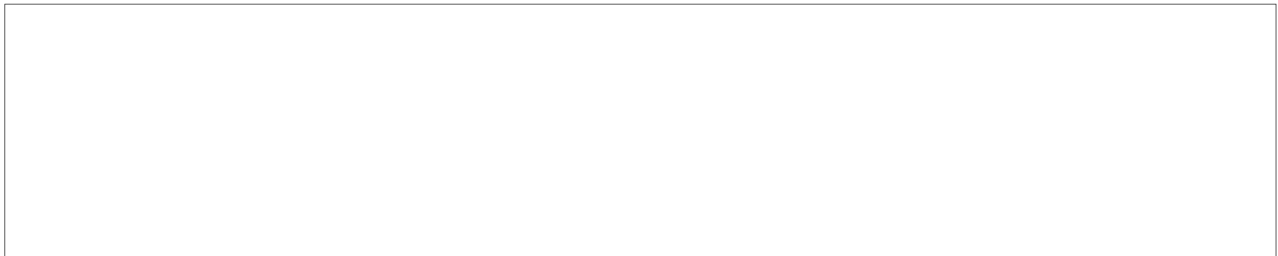
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SUBJECT: Port of Novorossiysk



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ORGANIZATION:



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Repair work is being done on the destroyed mole which is marked on the drawing by letter (a).-

The light-houses and fanals being on the outside, as well as on the inside, of the harbor.

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There is a pilot station on the mole where the silo is, marked on the drawing by letter (b).-

The warehouses are those shown on the Map. There are many of them, one-

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storey ones, covered with tile.-

There are fuel tanks in the harbor, shown on the drawing. 6-7 of them, painted dark lead, are visible. Ships can bunker at the rate of 150 tons per hour.-

An 18.000-ton tanker can dock on either side of the mole extending from the position of the fuel tanks. That is, two ships can moor at the same time.

[redacted] two 18.000-ton tankers loaded up within 12 hours' time.-

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[redacted]  
There is a silo along the mole for loading cereals. This is an old one, and for the present it uses only 3 tubes. A 6.300-ton vessel loaded in 30 hours, using all three tubes(pipes).-

The railroad tracks of the harbor, are those shown on the drawing. Same are laid above ground level, not on the ground.

The harbor is being used as a Naval Base.-

The lighting of the harbor is good.-

#### EQUIPMENT:

The harbor is equipped with land cranes. Loading and unloading is being done by the derricks of the ships. There were no floating cranes seen.-

The moles are equipped with hydrants, the spouts of which are 2-2½ inches in diameter. [redacted] water supply is carried out at a very slow pace, viz: at the rate of 1½ tons per hour.-

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There are no shipyards in the harbor.-

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#### MEANS OF NAVIGATION OF THE HARBOR:

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There are no lighters. There/4-5 large, DIESEL-engined tug-boats. [redacted]

[redacted] There is a small number of row-boats in the harbor.-

LONGSHOREMEN:

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[redacted] the number of the longshoremen working, is subject to change according to the needs of each port. There are no [redacted] women working in the harbor.-

TRAFFIC:

2 ships sailed into the harbor daily [redacted]

[redacted]

The harbor shows only exporting being done. The goods exported are small quantities of timber, wheat, cement, ore, helianthus (sunflower) seed and oil products.-

RATINGSHIPS:

3 medium size destroyers were there noored by the stern at point (c) on the drawing. Same had one funnel painted grey and the Russian flag (a hammer and sickle and a star on white cloth). Same bore a gun on each end - stern and bow. They also bore a gun, smaller in size than the others, above the sternal gun.-

6 small, wooden coast-guard vessels were also tied down by the stern at the same point. [redacted]

The following vessels were anchored in the area outside of the harbor:

Point  $\phi 44^{\circ} 42' N.$   $\lambda 37^{\circ} 48' E.$  marks position of a cruiser with two masts and two funnels. This is about 470 ft. long and is equipped with a radar and twin guns placed on two superimposing turrets on stern and bows.

Point  $\phi 44^{\circ} 41' 30'' N.$   $\lambda 37^{\circ} 51' 30'' E.$  marks position of a cruiser with two masts and two funnels. This is also about 470 ft. long and is equipped with a radar and twin guns placed on two superimposing turrets on stern and bows. This seemed like an old-type battleship.

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Point  $\phi 44^{\circ} 41' N.$   $\lambda 37^{\circ} 52' E.$  marks position of a cruiser

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This is about 600 ft. long and is equipped with triple guns placed on two super-imposing turrets on stern and bows. This has two masts and two funnels. The part of the deck between the two masts, was lower than the rest of the deck, and communication between the part of the deck of the stern and prow, was done through a corridor-bridge.

All of them were Russian, flying the Russian flag (a hammer and sickle and a star on white cloth). Same were painted grey.-

SECURITY MEASURES, etc.:

There were no special means for guarding the harbor, nor were there any restricted areas or restrictions in circulation within the harbor.-

No fortified areas were seen on the coast.-

No transports of troops or war materials were seen.-

A strong North wind usually blows in the area.-

One dollar equals four rubles. A longshoreman is paid 23-35 rubles per day.

Employee's salaries range between 2.500 and 3.000 rubles per month.

Light-house and port dues in general [redacted] amounted to 14.000 rubles. For a second trip in the same year, the same ship will pay 10% less, and for a third trip in the same year, 50 % less. [redacted]

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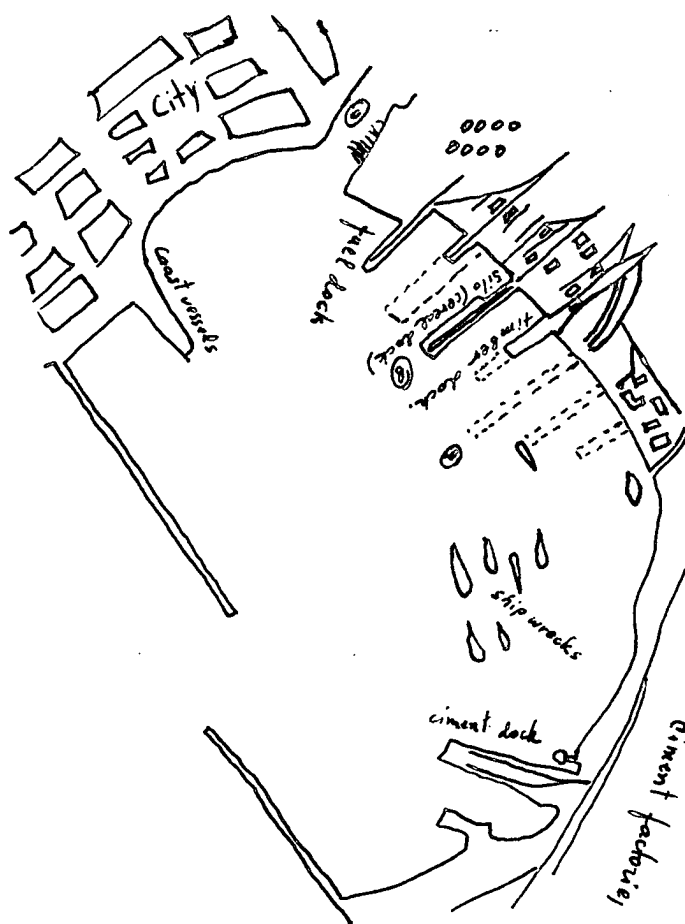
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[redacted] The above measures are in force for ships flying flags not bound by a contract.-

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SUBJECT: Port of NOVOROSSISK

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I. ORGANIZATION

1. At the end of the SILO pier there is an observation post of the Navy that looks like the bridge of a warship. From this observation post they are watching continuously with binoculars all the activities of the port. There is also there a Semaphore Station.

2. Inside the oil pier there is a railroad net, behind which and at quite a distance there were observed about thirty oil tanks. The capacity of these is about 5,000 tons, each, and they are painted with aluminum. A large area that also includes the oil tanks is fenced.

II. SHIPS IN PORT

The following ships were observed inside the port:

a) Merchant Ships

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On ship of unknown identity being loaded with approximately 7,600 tons

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[REDACTED]

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b) Warships

In the area of the Naval Base, at the inmost part of the port at the N.E., there were observed 5 - 6 warships that looked like the EX. SHUUSHU type

[REDACTED] These took turns in patrolling outside the port.

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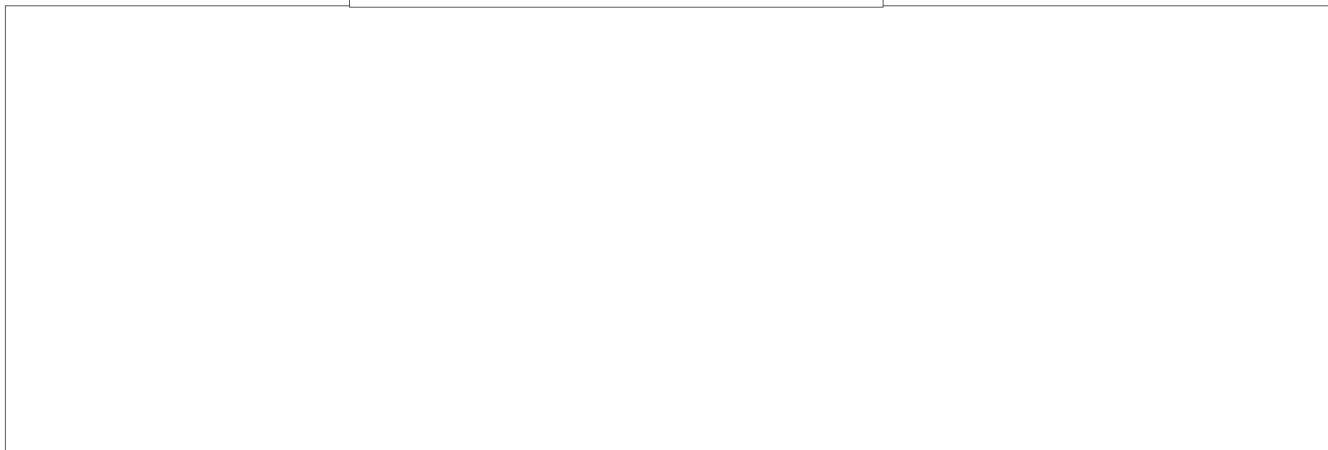
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SPECIAL OBSERVATION

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Three groups of small, one-storey houses, all lit-up, situated on both sides of a carriage road leading to the city of NOVOROSIYSK were observed in this Area (a).

The noise of the engines was heard from the evening till the following morning with interruptions, sometimes coming from one of the groups of houses and sometimes from the other, and still at other times coming from both directions.-



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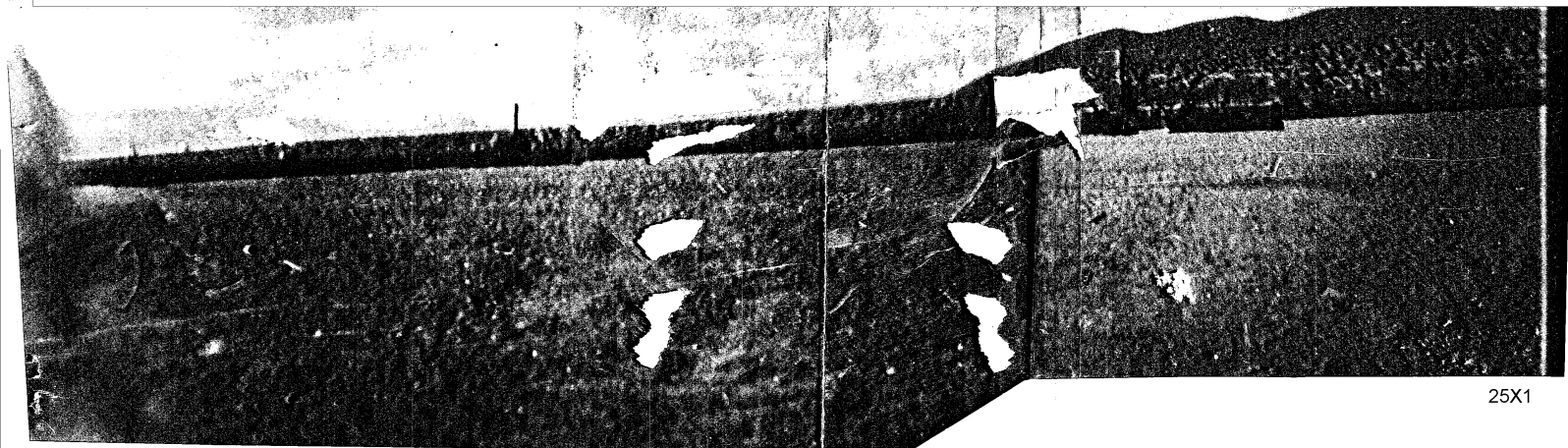
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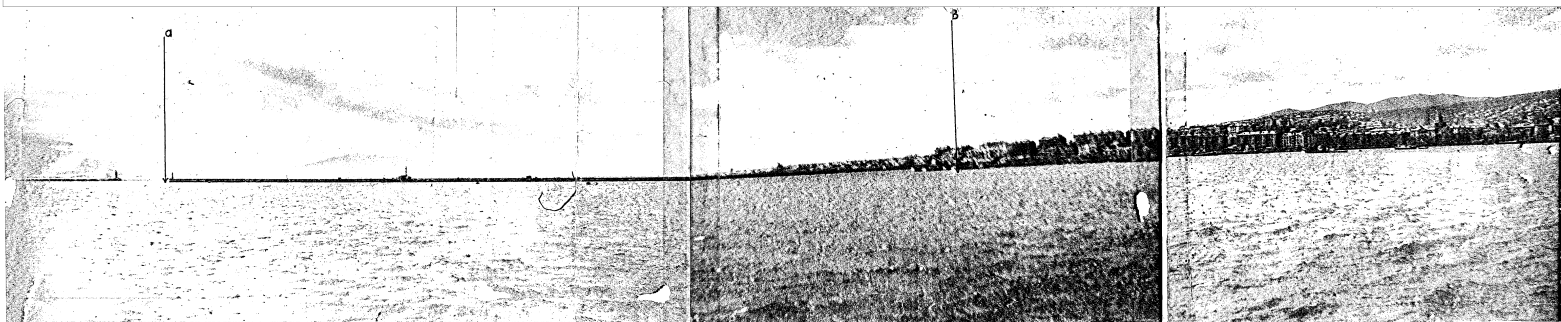
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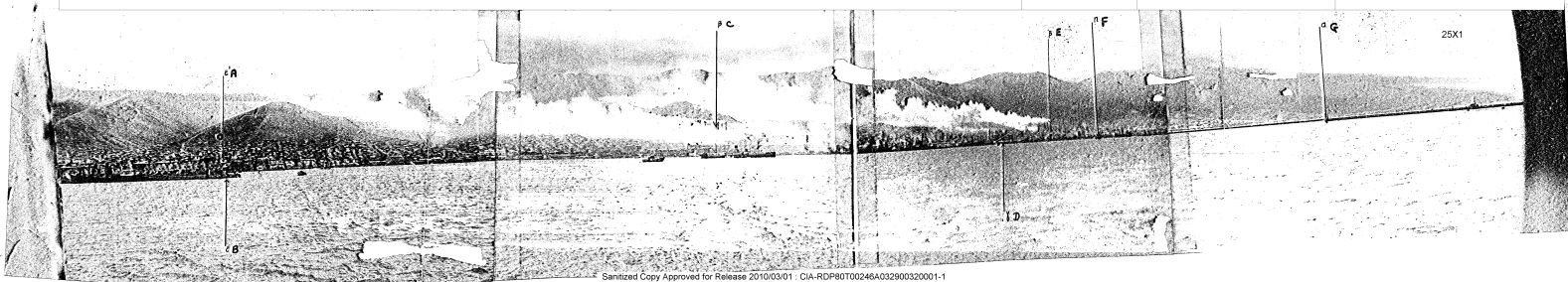
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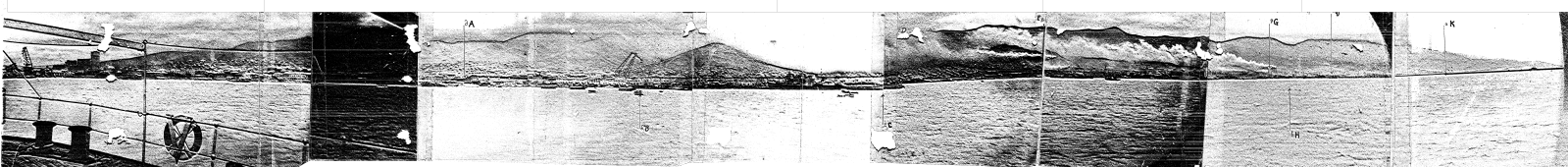
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